

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-23. (Cancelled)

24. (New) A group call service server which facilitates a group call over a radio interface between different user equipment units in a defined group within a telecommunications network, wherein said group call service server handles a floor request from a requesting user equipment unit included in the group based on a media type associated with the floor request, said floor request comprising a floor request message which includes an indication of the media type associated with the floor request or an indication of message size, said call service server comprising:

a queue wherein the group call service server queues the floor request from the requesting user equipment; and,

a floor request handler which prioritizes the floor request within the queue based on the media type.

25. (New) The group call service server according to claim 24, wherein the group call service server handles the floor request independently of application or transport protocols used to convey the floor control messages.

26. (New) The group call service server according to claim 24, wherein the group call service is Push-to-Talk over Cellular (PoC) and the group call service server comprises a PoC server.

27. (New) The group call service server according to claim 24, wherein the requesting user equipment unit is configured so that, while the requesting user equipment receives a first service, a second media service which is associated with the request can be uploaded to the group call service server.

28. (New) A telecommunications group call service, hosted by a telecommunications network server, which facilitates a group call over a radio interface between different user equipment units in a defined group within the telecommunications network, wherein the group call service handles a floor request from a requesting user equipment unit included in the group based on a media type associated with the floor request, wherein the floor request comprises a floor request message which includes an indication of the media type associated with the floor request and wherein the group call service prioritizes the floor request from the requesting user equipment unit based on the media type and wherein the group call service queues the floor request from the requesting user equipment unit and prioritizes the floor request within the queue based on the media type.

29. (New) The telecommunications group call service according to claim 28, wherein the group call service handles the floor request independently of application or transport protocols used to convey the floor control messages.

30. (New) The telecommunications group call service according to claim 28, wherein the group call service is a Push-to-Talk over Cellular (PoC) which is hosted by a PoC server.

31. (New) The telecommunications group call service according to claim 28, wherein the floor request comprises a floor request message which includes an indication of the media type associated with the floor request and/or an indication of message size.

32. (New) The telecommunications group call service according to claim 28, wherein the requesting user equipment unit is configured so that, while the requesting user equipment receives first service, a second media service which is associated with the request can be uploaded to a group call service server.

33. (New) A method of operating a telecommunications group call service, hosted by a telecommunications network, which facilitates a group call over a radio interface between different user equipment units in a defined group within the telecommunications network, wherein handling of a floor request from a requesting user equipment unit included in the group is based on a media type associated with the floor request, wherein the floor request comprises a floor request message, and wherein the method further comprises including in the floor request message an indication of the media type associated with the floor request and further comprising prioritizing the floor request from the requesting user equipment unit based on the media type, said method comprising the steps of:

queuing the floor request from the requesting user equipment in a queue;
prioritizing the floor request within the queue based on the media type.

34. (New) The method according to claim 33, further comprising handling the floor request independently of application or transport protocols used to convey the floor control messages.

35. (New) The method according to claim 33, wherein the group call service is a Push-to-Talk over Cellular (PoC) and the group call service server comprises a PoC server.

36. (New) The method according to claim 33, wherein the floor request comprises a floor request message, and wherein the method further comprises including in the floor request message an indication of message size.

37. (New) The method according to claim 33, further comprising, while the requesting user equipment receives a first service, uploading a second media service which is associated with the request to a group call service server.

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